

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims:

Claims 1- 14. (cancelled)

15 (new). An access method for an optical disk including an information layer having a first region containing mastered content and a second region which is user writeable, the method comprising:

recording license information in the second region;

comparing the license information to license criteria; and

permitting access to at least a portion of the mastered content responsive to the comparison of the license information to license criteria.

16. (new) The method of claim 15, wherein the mastered content is parallel-written mastered content.

17. (new) The method of claim 15, wherein the optical disk is a first surface optical disk.

18. (new) The method of claim 15, wherein the second region comprises a phase change layer.